Capacity of HBJ Pipeline

2498. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the capacity of HBJ pipeline;

(b) what is the total quantity of gas already committed to be delivered from this pipeline;

(c) whether the total commitment exceed the capacity of the pipeline;

(d) if so, under what circumstances such commitments were made in excess of capacity; and

(e) how these commitments are proposed to be met ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The current carrying capacity is 18.2 MMSCMD.

(b) 36.35 MMSCMD.

(c) to (e) The capacity of the pipeline is proposed to be upgraded to 33.4 MMSCMD, and the allocations were made keeping in view the proposed upgradation.

Placing of Orders with the Mexican Firm for Steel Pipes by IOC

2499. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation had placed orders with a Mexican firm for Steel pipes for the Kandla-Bhatinda pipe-line project without obtaining the concurrence of Department of Economic Affairs which has led to certain complications besides further delay in the completion of the project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not completing the required formalities before placing the order with the Mexican firm and what are the implications involved;

(c) how long the project is likely to be delayed and what is the estimated cost escalation as a result thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) IOC has only issued a letter of intent to the Mexican firm for procurement of line pipes under the financing package arranged by the party subject to approval by the Government. There will not be any delay on account of the above.

(c) and (d) As to present assessment, there is likely to be a delay of around 13-14 months in the completion of the project. The estimated cost of the project now works out to Rs. 1486.51 crores approximately at July, 1991 price level against the original estimated cost of Rs. 917.55 crores at March, 1990 price level.

Oil and Gas Wells Identified in Krishna/Godavari Zone

2500. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of oil and gas wells identified in Krishna/Godavari Zone in Andhra Pradesh with their potential and the number of them exploited;

(b) what steps have been taken to exploit the full potential of them; and

(c) the number of consumers benefited by supply of gas ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) As on 1-1-1992, 33.69 MMT recoverable reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas have been established in K.G. onshore in Andhra Pradesh. 5 out of 7 oil wells and 20 out of 36 gas wells are on production.

(c) Presently gas is being supplied to seven consumers.

Supply of Natural Gas through Pipeline from Iran

2501. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :